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TAGS: GATT, ETRD, RO, FI

SUBJ: POSSIBLE ROMANIAN FREE-TRADE AGREEMENT WITH FINLAND

REF: BUCHAREST 1670

1. WE ARE CONFUSED BY ROMANIAN POSITION AS REPORTED IN REFTEL AND FIND IT DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE THAT ROMANIA TRULY EXPECTED GATT WORKING PARTIS ON FINLAND-EE "FTA'S" FIRMLY TO CONCLUDE THAT THE AGREEMENTS WERE NOT CONSISTENT WITH THE GATT. BELIEVE THIS LINE OF ARGUMENT FROM ROMANIA SHOULD BE TAKEN WITH A GRAIN OF SALT. FACT THAT EACH OF THE FINLAND-EE WORKING PARTIES INCLUDED SEVERAL EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES DID, BY DEFINITION, ASSURE THAT NO FIRM CONCLUSIONS COULD BE REACHED.

2. U.S. AND EC HAVE BEEN MOST ACTIVE IN ALL OF THE WP'S. EC PRACTICE HAS BEEN TO STATE THEY COMPLETELY OPEN-MINDED RE GATT COMPATIBILITY OF THE AGREEMENTS AND THEN TO PROCEED, VIA THEIR QUESTIONING TO PROVE THAT THEY ARE NOT. US HAS STATED  
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WE NOT CLOSED-MINDED BUT HAVE OUR DOUBTS AND THEN HAS TENDED TO REQUIRE CONCRETE AND DETAILED PROOF OF GATT CONSISTENCY OF ALL MAJOR ELEMENTS. THIS PROOF, OF COURSE, HAS NEVER BEEN FORTHCOMING. TO A LESS ACTIVE DEGREE, CANDA, JAPAN, SWITZERLAND, AND SOMETIMES OTHERS, HAVE ALSO DOUBTED GATT CONSISTENCY DURING THE WORKING PARTIES.

3. IN SUM, WE SEE LITTLE JUSTIFICATION FOR THE  
ROMANIAN VIEW EXPRESSED IN REFTEL AND ARE CURIOUS ABOUT  
THEIR MOTIVES. CATTO

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